

107TH CONGRESS  
1ST SESSION

# H. J. RES. 81

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States restoring religious freedom.

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## IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

DECEMBER 20, 2001

Mr. ISTOOK (for himself, Mr. ADERHOLT, Mr. AKIN, Mr. ARMEY, Mr. BAKER, Mr. BALLENGER, Mr. BARR of Georgia, Mr. BARTLETT of Maryland, Mr. BARTON of Texas, Mr. BACHUS, Mr. BEREUTER, Mr. BROWN of South Carolina, Mr. BURTON of Indiana, Mr. CALVERT, Mr. COMBEST, Mr. CRANE, Mrs. JO ANN DAVIS of Virginia, Mr. DEAL of Georgia, Mr. DEMINT, Mr. DOOLITTLE, Mr. DUNCAN, Mrs. EMERSON, Mr. EVERETT, Mr. FORBES, Mr. GEKAS, Mr. GOODE, Mr. GRAHAM, Mr. GRAVES, Mr. GRUCCI, Mr. HALL of Texas, Mr. HANSEN, Ms. HART, Mr. HAYES, Mr. HAYWORTH, Mr. HEFLEY, Mr. HOEKSTRA, Mr. HULSHOF, Mr. HUNTER, Mr. SAM JOHNSON of Texas, Mr. JONES of North Carolina, Mr. KERNS, Mr. KINGSTON, Mr. LARGENT, Mr. LEWIS of Kentucky, Mr. LINDER, Mr. LIPINSKI, Mr. MCHUGH, Mrs. MYRICK, Mr. OXLEY, Mr. PENCE, Mr. PETERSON of Pennsylvania, Mr. PICKERING, Mr. PITTS, Mr. POMBO, Mr. RAHALL, Mr. RILEY, Mr. RYUN of Kansas, Mr. SCHAFFER, Mr. SHOWS, Mr. SHUSTER, Mr. SMITH of New Jersey, Mr. SOUDER, Mr. STEARNS, Mr. TANCREDO, Mr. TAYLOR of North Carolina, Mr. TAYLOR of Mississippi, Mr. TERRY, Mr. THORNBERRY, Mr. TIAHRT, Mr. VITTER, Mr. WAMP, Mr. WATKINS of Oklahoma, Mr. WATTS of Oklahoma, Mr. WELDON of Florida, and Mr. WICKER) introduced the following joint resolution; which was referred to the Committee on the Judiciary

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## JOINT RESOLUTION

Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the United States restoring religious freedom.

1       *Resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives*  
2 *of the United States of America in Congress assembled (two-*  
3 *thirds of each House concurring therein),* That the fol-  
4 lowing article is proposed as an amendment to the Con-  
5 stitution of the United States, which shall be valid to all  
6 intents and purposes as part of the Constitution when  
7 ratified by the legislatures of three-fourths of the several  
8 States within seven years after the date of its submission  
9 for ratification:

10                               “ARTICLE —

11       “To secure the people’s right to acknowledge God ac-  
12 cording to the dictates of conscience:

13       “Neither the United States nor any State shall estab-  
14 lish any official religion, but the people’s right to pray and  
15 to recognize their religious beliefs, heritage, and traditions  
16 on public property, including schools, shall not be in-  
17 fringed.

18       “The United States and the States shall not compose  
19 school prayers, nor require any person to join in prayer  
20 or other religious activity.”.

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